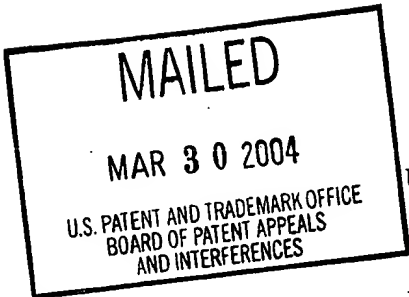


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Ex parte EIICHI YOSHIDA and AKIO NAKAJIMA

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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

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An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed March 10, 2004 (Paper No. 18). It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statement submitted nor notified applicants of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is remanded to the Examiner for such consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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